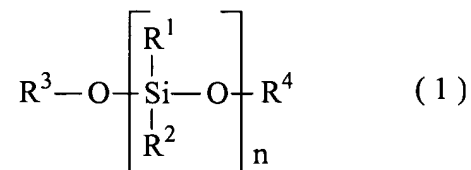


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A process for imparting flame retardancy to a resin component (A) selected from the group consisting of an aromatic polycarbonate and a resin mixture of an aromatic polycarbonate and at least one organic polymer resin selected from the group consisting of aromatic vinyl polymers, olefin polymers, polyesters, polyamides, polyphenylene ethers and epoxy polymers, wherein said resin mixture has an aromatic polycarbonate content of 50 % by weight or more,

said process comprising adding to said resin component (A) a flame retardant (B) comprising at least one phenyl group-containing silicone compound having a linear configuration, and an additional flame retardant (C) comprising at least one member selected from the group consisting of a metal salt flame retardant, a phosphorus-containing flame retardant, a nitrogen-containing flame retardant, a silicon-containing flame retardant other than said silicone compound (B), an inorganic flame retardant and a fibrous flame retardant,

said at least one phenyl group-containing silicone compound (B) comprising a polymer which is represented by the following formula (1):



wherein:

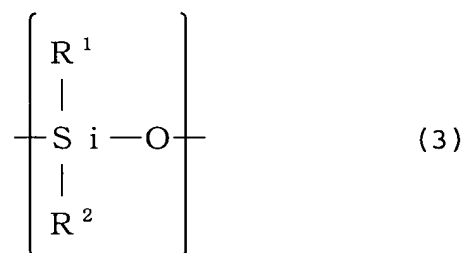
each of R^1 and R^2 independently represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, an ethyl group, a butyl group or a phenyl group;

each of R^3 and R^4 independently represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, an ethyl group, a butyl group, a phenyl group or a silicon-containing monovalent group comprising a silicon atom having bonded thereto at least one member selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, a methyl group, an ethyl group, a butyl group and a phenyl group;

at least one of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 is a phenyl group; and

n is 100 or more in terms of the number average n value,

wherein the recurring units, each represented by the following formula (3):



wherein each of R^1 and R^2 is as defined for formula (1), are the same or different, so that said flame retardant (B) is a homopolymer or a copolymer, wherein said copolymer has a random, a block or an alternating configuration,

wherein said flame retardant (B) contains said phenyl group in an amount of from ~~10~~ 60 to 90 mole %, based on the total molar amount of R^1 , R^2 , R^3 and R^4 ;

wherein said flame retardant (B) is added in an amount of from 0.1 to 10 parts by weight and said additional flame retardant (C) is added in an amount of from 0.001 to 100 parts by weight, each relative to 100 parts by weight of said resin component (A).

Claims 2 and 3. (cancelled)

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein said flame retardant (B) exhibits a kinematic viscosity of 100 centistokes or more as measured at 25 °C in

accordance with JIS-K2410.

Claim 5. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein said flame retardant (B) comprises a mixture of:

a silicone compound containing said aromatic group in an amount of from 5 to less than 50 mole %, based on the total molar amount of R¹, R², R³ and R⁴, and

a silicone compound containing said aromatic group in an amount of 50 mole % or more, based on the total molar amount of R¹, R², R³ and R⁴.

Claims 6 to 12. (cancelled)

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein said resin component (A) is said resin mixture.

Claim 14. (cancelled)

Claim 15. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein said resin mixture has an aromatic polycarbonate content of 70 % by weight or more.

Claim 16. (Previously Presented) The process according to claim 1, wherein said additional flame retardant (C) comprises 0.001 to 10 parts by weight of an organic sulfonic acid metal salt and 0.001 to 10 parts by weight of a polytetrafluoroethylene.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) The process according to claim 1, wherein ~~when the~~ said additional flame retardant (C) is a phosphorus-containing flame retardant which is at least one member selected from the group consisting of methylneopentyl phosphite, pentaerythritol diethyl diphosphite, methyl neopentyl phosphonate, dineopentyl hypophosphite, phenylpyrocatechol phosphite, and dipyrocatechol hypodiphosphate.